

AMENDED IN SENATE SEPTEMBER 3, 2003  
AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 25, 2003  
AMENDED IN SENATE AUGUST 18, 2003  
AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 14, 2003  
AMENDED IN SENATE JULY 3, 2003  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY JUNE 3, 2003  
AMENDED IN ASSEMBLY MARCH 11, 2003

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2003–04 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 47**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Simitian**

December 2, 2002

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An act to add Section 4551.9 to the Public Resources Code, relating to forest practices.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 47, as amended, Simitian. Timber harvesting plans: regulations: information.

Existing law, the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973, prohibits a person from conducting timber operations, as defined, until the person files a timber harvesting plan with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, in accordance with specified requirements.

The act requires that a timber harvesting plan be a public record and include specified information relating to the conduct of timber operations.

The act also requires the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection to adopt various rules and regulations related to forest practices.

This bill would require the board, on or before January 1, 2005, to adopt regulations requiring a timber harvesting plan to include specified information *map or maps*. The bill would ~~prohibit the board from requiring the person submitting the plan to provide proprietary information in the plan~~ *provide that this requirement may not be construed to require disclosure of proprietary information to the public*. The bill would require the board to consider the impact of the regulations on smaller landowners, and avoid imposing excessive burdens and costs on those landowners.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 4551.9 is added to the Public Resources  
2 Code, to read:  
3 4551.9. (a) On or before January 1, 2005, the board shall  
4 adopt regulations to require that a timber harvesting plan include  
5 ~~the following information:~~  
6 ~~(1) Information on riparian forest conditions in the timber~~  
7 ~~harvesting plan area.~~  
8 ~~(2) A~~ a map or maps, depicting the location and boundaries of  
9 past, present, and reasonably foreseeable probable future projects,  
10 as defined in Section 21065 and Section 895.1 of Title 14 of the  
11 California Code of Regulations, on land owned or controlled by  
12 the applicant in the planning watershed. The board may not require  
13 an applicant to furnish maps of projects completed more than 10  
14 years prior to the submission of the timber harvesting plan. Maps  
15 shall include silvicultural prescription, ~~but are not required to~~  
16 ~~provide specific information on stand volume or species~~  
17 ~~composition~~. The scale and format of maps provided pursuant to  
18 this subdivision shall be determined by the board. *This subdivision*  
19 *may not be construed to require disclosure of proprietary*  
20 *information to the public.*



1 ~~(b) The board may not require the person submitting the timber~~  
2 ~~harvesting plan to provide proprietary information in the timber~~  
3 ~~harvesting plan. The~~  
4 *(b) The* board shall consider the impact of the regulations on  
5 smaller landowners, and avoid excessive burdens or costs on those  
6 landowners.

